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1. Whereas, the Minden Bog is the southern most raised bog in North America; and
 2. Whereas, It is the headwater for the Black River, which is a major tributary of the St. Clair River
 3. which are subjected to the detrimental impacts from peat mining; and
 4. Whereas, Michigan Peat mined the bog since the 1960's, illegally since Act 203 went
 5. into effect on 01 October 1980; and
 6. Whereas, Michigan Peat filed for a permit in the 1990's when the state of Michigan
 7. demanded it; and
 8. Whereas, the District 8 Supervisor for the MDNR's Land and Water Management Division,
 9. made a decision that would permit mining for years on the parts already disturbed if they agreed
 10. not to mine what was left of the natural part of the bog; and
 11. Whereas, Michigan Peat refused the permit; and
 12. Whereas, Michigan Peat filed a takings suit for up to \$300 million against the Michigan
 13. Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which prompted the Michigan DEQ to issue a new
 14. permit giving the corporation the right to mine over four square miles of the bog; and
 15. Whereas, this decision is in conflict with Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act that
 16. Michigan has been allowed to administer; now
 17. Therefore, be it resolved, that Great Lakes United oppose the permit issued by the Michigan
 18. DEQ and support the EPA in their efforts to enforce the Clean Water Act which will limit or
 19. prohibit mining of the Minden Bog.
 20. Be it further resolved, that Great Lakes United oppose any right of way through the state land to
 21. facilitate mining of the Minden Bog.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE 16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON JUNE 7, 1998.


TIM BROWN, SECRETARY